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Wilderness Fires Close Trails in the Bob Marshall Wilderness

KALISPELL, MT. -- The Elbow Pass Complex Fire and Prisoner Lake Fire burning in the Flathead National Forest portion of the Bob Marshall Wilderness have prompted forest officials to close trails for public safety. These lightning started fires have burned in areas where it would be unsafe for wilderness visitors to use the trails.

Trails closed in the area around the **Elbow Pass Complex Fire** include:

- Trail #139—Rapid Creek Trail, closed from the junction with Trail #273 to Observation Pass.
- Trail #272—Fiction Creek Trail, closed from the junction with Trail #139 to the trail's end.
- Trail #140—Bar Creek Trail, closed approximately 1.5 miles from the junction with Trail #126 at the end of Bar Meadows to Observation Point.

There are several trail closures in place on the Lewis and Clark National Forest associated with the fire complex, visit the Elbow Pass Complex InciWeb page (<http://inciweb.org/incident/3066/>) for current closure information and map.

Trails closed in the area of the **Prisoner Lake Fire** include:

- Trail #138—Molly Creek Trail, closed from the junction with Trail #112 to White River Pass.
- Trail #380--South Fork of the White River Trail, closed from the junction with Trail #139 to the trail's end.
- Trail #626—Haystack Mountain, closed from the junction with Trail #139 to Haystack Mountain.
- Trail #211—Indian Creek on the Lewis and Clark National Forest, closed from White River Pass to the junction with Trail # 203.

Additionally, due to fire activity from the **Condon Mountain Fire**, Trail #29—Little Salmon Creek Trail is closed from the junction with Trail #25 on the Spotted Bear Ranger District over Smith Creek Pass to the Smith Creek Trailhead on the Swan Lake Ranger District.

“Safety for the public is my main concern when closing trails, however there are many areas still open for backcountry use and camping” says Spotted Bear District Ranger Deb Mucklow.

For specific information on closures and maps, visit InciWeb, <http://www.inciweb.org/> or contact the Spotted Bear Ranger District at (406) 758-5376 for current fire information and opportunities for backcountry use.

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